



Fort Carson-MEDDAC News

New Mountain Post Behavioral Health Clinic Nears Completion

The Mountain Post Behavioral Health Clinic is Evans Army Community Hospital's newest premiere medical facility. It's slated to open on Fort Carson this March.

Behavioral health is one of the Army Surgeon General's top priorities. Former Fort Carson-MEDDAC commander Major General Jimmie O. Keenan emphasized the new building demonstrates a local commitment to that effort.

"Our work to improve upon care for the signature wounds of traumatic brain injury and post traumatic stress and to ensure the mental and spiritual health truly fulfills the warrior ethos, "I will never leave a fallen comrade," said Keenan, Chief of the Army Nurse Corps. "We leave no one behind."

The new facility is located on the Mountain Post Resiliency Campus across the street from the Tri-foods building and next to the new Forrest Resiliency Center.

The new clinic is part of a \$31.9 million construction project to expand the capacity of care Evans already provides. The Health Facility Planning Agency and Army Corps of Engineers - Omaha District worked with the general contractor, The Korte Company, to bring this concept into reality. Construction for the project began soon after the groundbreaking on January 12, 2011.

There is a plan in place to ensure a smooth transition for beneficiaries. Patients will automatically be scheduled for the new location when it is ready. Walk-in services will be maintained throughout the transition to ensure continuity of care.

The Mountain Post BHC will consolidate many segmented services on Fort Carson to one convenient location. The new clinic will provide access to outpatient behavioral health and psychology services for active duty service members and their Families. The services operating in the new facility include the Department of Behavioral Health (moving from the 4th floor of Evans), Social Work Services/Family Advocacy Program (from the SFCC 1st floor), Intensive Outpatient Program, Child and Family Assistance Program (CAFAC) and Community Behavioral Health Services. Because of the pediatric clinic's location at the Soldier Family Care Center, a portion of CAFAC will move into the 1st floor of the SFCC to provide continuity of care for children.

Major Christopher Ivany, Chief of Behavioral Health Department, said, "The Mountain Post Behavioral Health Clinic will offer Ft. Carson Soldiers and Families easier access to high quality services."



The BHC features many innovations designed to improve patient outcomes. For example, the design channels natural light into the building and creates an aesthetically pleasing environment to promote healing and recovery. In addition, a healing garden is one of the main new features just outside of the building, designed to provide a calm and tranquil area for recovery. The new facility has 56 offices and group therapy rooms for both children and adults. In addition, there is substantial, dedicated parking for the clinic that will make access to the facility easy and convenient.

In keeping with government's NetZero directive, the building aims at achieving LEED Silver certification and support Evans' sustainability program.

The consolidation into the new building makes room at Evans for renovations. The 4th floor will become a series of single patient rooms. After renovation, the 5th floor will offer a new service, an inpatient behavioral health ward

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